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Babies of the New Year are here!



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Hindy Krausz holds her baby boy (top photo), unnamed at press time, who was born at 12:29 am on New Year's Day. The timing of his birth, at Long Island College Hospital in Cobble Hill, made him the first baby born this year in Brownstone Brooklyn. Krausz's son, her first baby, tipped the scales at 8-pounds 8-ounces. Below, Tommasa Howard holds her baby girl, who was born at New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope at 5:31 am. Brooklyn's first New Year's baby was born one minute after midnight in Coney Island Hospital. For a "Tale of the Tape" on The Brooklyn Papers' New Year's babies, see page 11.

THE NEW BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOTS OF GLASS, NOT ENOUGH CASH



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A rendering of the proposed Brooklyn Public Library Visual and Performing Arts branch (right) at Flatbush and Lafayette avenues in Fort Greene, next to the proposed Frank Gehry-designed Theatre for a New Audience (center). The two buildings would stand next to the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Neo-Italianate structure (left).

By Ariella Cohen

The Brooklyn Papers

The building is clear, but who will pay for it remains murky. Brooklyn Public Library admitted last week that it is struggling to raise enough money to build a chic — and expensive — Visual and Performing Arts Library at Flatbush and Lafayette avenues in Fort Greene. Designed by architect-of-the-moment Enrique Norton, the sleek, all-glass, ship-bow-shaped library will cost between \$70 and \$85 million. "The biggest question right now is where we will find the money to build," said Brooklyn Public Library Executive Director Gimnie Cooper.

To jumpstart the latest fundraising campaign, on Tuesday, the library had Norton show off tweaks in his well-received design to the library's board of trustees. The project's glistening architectural benchmarks remain, but now include more commercial space than the prior version, a revision that reflects the need for private sources of income to sustain the building's costs. "It is not easy to fund cultural institutions," said Norton, "Not only will we need to work on the ground floor work financially, they will bring life to the public space."

But they can only do that if it gets built — something that appears to be in serious doubt. "In a perfect world, we are talking about building in the next four or five years," said Cooper. "But we have to find funding first."

Raising money for projects in Downtown Brooklyn — even ones attached to a brand-name architect — has proven tricky. And the fund-raising pitch comes as budget cuts have left Brooklyn's neighborhood library branches with limited hours and less senior librarians. The library has raised just \$18 million of the \$85 million it needs to build Norton's design. Roughly \$10 million has come from the city, through its financial partnership with the BAM Local Development Cor-

poration, while another \$3 million was given by the City Council and directly from the Bloomberg administration. Another \$2 million came from Albany. Part of Norton's presentation was simply to remind the library board of the spectacular qualities of the proposed design. But he also showed off the increased amount of inside space devoted to children and teens. The older kids will lord over their own wing on an upper-level of the library while children will have a large section on the library's main floor dedicated to them. The tweaks did little to dull the overwhelming enthusiasm for Norton's design.

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Weiner: City foolishly losing federal food funds

By Ariella Cohen

The Brooklyn Papers

The city is refusing valuable welfare subsidies while hunger in the city is growing, Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-Flatbush) charged this week. Between July and October, food pantries and soup kitchens served 3,550,837 meals across the city — an eight percent spike from the same period last year, the congressman reported in a study. Weiner, who ran against Mayor Bloomberg this fall, blamed city leaders for the swell in hunger. On Monday, he slammed city policymakers for failing "to enroll all eligible food stamp participants," a failure, he says, that cost New York millions of dollars in available federal food assistance. According to Weiner, only 33 percent of eligible Brooklyn residents are registered for food stamps, and New York is only one of four states that requires food stamp applicants be

fingerprinted before receiving benefits. Weiner's new year resolution is to introduce legislation that would help religious and community-based organizations to better assist eligible residents enroll for federal aid. "There is a bureaucracy that is feeding hungry New Yorkers red tape," added City Councilman Eric Gioia (D-Queens), who sponsored a law making applications available online and in food pantries. For the past six years, the number of hungry people in Brooklyn has been drifting steadily upwards, experts said. Between 1999 and 2004, the percent of Brooklyn residents who depend on meals from the soup kitchens or pantries rose from 12.71 to 17 percent, according to data gathered by the Coalition Against Hunger.

"If you took the number of Brooklyn residents living in households where someone is going hungry or at the brink of hunger, it would be one of the 50 largest cities in the United States," said coalition Executive Director Joel Berg. Weiner's findings match what Brooklyn soup kitchens are seeing every day. The borough's largest food pantry, St. John's Bread and Life in Bedford-Stuyvesant, gave away 10,000 more packaged meals in 2005 than in 2004. The Lewis Street pantry attracts hundreds of people each morning who stop in for a sack of packaged or hot food to take to work. Day laborers fill up before their daily drops at construction sites. Retail clerks pick up bag lunches before their morning shifts, he said.

The center's executive director said they're now seeing more working poor people. "People with jobs are coming to the food pantry for a meal," said Anthony Butler. Last year, a surge in the number of prosperous residents snapping up homes in Brooklyn was seen with every new organic grocery store, every discussion about rising rents and every overheard conversation about new neighbor, "Brokeback Mountain" star Heath Ledger. But there's a flip side to that hot market. "Rents rise. Costs rise and people make choices," said Butler. "They pay those bills first and then deal with how to eat." In 2005, 212,158 Brooklynites received food stamps. Many of them still frequent community kitchens or pantries. Anti-hunger advocates say that in addition to giving these benefits to more residents, the city must take steps to address the rising cost of living in the city.

Auster's Park Slope

Latest novel set amongst the brownstones

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Papers

Who is the B.P.M.? Of all the many recognizable denizens of Park Slope who make guest appearances in Paul Auster's new book, "The Brooklyn Follies," this one character — the "Beautiful Perfect Mother" — will undoubtedly provoke more a spirited debate about her identity. Everyone knows a Park Slope B.P.M. Indeed, aren't all the moms in Park Slope B.P.M.s? In naming this character as he did, that is probably Auster's point. It's a bit of a wink to his neighbors that will probably go unrecognized by readers outside of Brownstone Brooklyn. "[She sat] on the front stoop of her building with her two young children, waiting for the yellow bus to arrive and take them to school," writes Auster. "She was remarkably attractive ... with long black hair and luminous green eyes, but what stirred him most about her was the

way she held and touched her children. He had never seen maternal love expressed so eloquently or simply, with more tenderness or outright joy ... To watch her sitting on the front steps of her house with her arms wrapped around those two small kids was enough to bring a flutter to an old curmudgeon's heart." The identity of the B.P.M. is hidden for several pages of "The Brooklyn Follies," yet once it is revealed, it becomes ho-hum. (Her name is Nancy Mazzuchelli and she makes jewelry in her brownstone studio.) Like many other characters and moods in "The Brooklyn Follies," the B.P.M. ultimately becomes one of the numerous

feints in the book. She ends up not really being a major character, but merely window dressing for the most Brooklyn of Auster's works. Certainly, the 58-year-old Sloper has written about New York before. The city, in fact, is a main character in "The New York Trilogy," and his movie, "Smoke," is set in a Park Slope candy store. And Auster himself is a very recognizable figure on Seventh Avenue and the focus of substantial lust among some readers. "He's a world-class writer, a real innovator," one woman recently posted on the blog, <http://onlytheblog.knowsbrooklyn.com>, which is operated by The Brooklyn Papers columnist See AUSTER on page 7



Employees of La Bagel Delight, at Seventh Avenue and Fifth Street, a store that is featured in the book "Brooklyn Follies" by Park Slope resident Paul Auster. From left to right are Marcos Lopez, Hanny Escamilla and Pablo Garcia.

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Knifed on subway for a punch he never took

By Lilo H. Stainton

The Brooklyn Papers

A teenager was slashed across his neck on a Brooklyn-bound 2 train on Dec. 27 after arguing with a man who pulled a knife on him, police said.

The attack escalated from a verbal dispute, which sparked around 11:30 pm as the two strangers waited on the same subway platform at the Borough Hall station, according to police. When the train pulled into the station, both got on.

Once aboard, the suspect announced, "You look like the person who punched me in the face," pulled a knife and jumped the 18-year-old victim, slashing him in the neck, police said. When the train pulled into Atlantic Avenue, the thug ran off, according to two teenage girls who witnessed the attack.

Paramedics took the victim to Brooklyn Hospital for treatment.

Police are searching for a black man, approximately 27, 6-foot-1 and 180 pounds, who dressed up that day in a black overcoat, dark slacks and black leather dress shoes.

Mobile madness

Cellphone handsets struck two Fulton Street shops — just a block apart — and scored thousands of dollars in merchandise during separate heists.

Police said a posse of thieves struck an electronics store near Jay Street just after 5 pm on Christmas Eve. The eight men filled the small shop, asking questions and inspecting merchandise. During the confusion, one man removed 13 cellphones — ranging in value from \$142 to \$499 a piece, for a total of more than \$4,000 — from a display case and spirit them from the store.

And sometime between 7:45 am on Dec. 27 and 9:50 am on Dec. 28, thieves lifted four dozen phones from a variety store near Gold Street, police said. The shop — ironi-

cally called "Lucky Mobile" — lost nearly \$2,600 in mobile phones, including 39 Boost Mobile devices, five Nextel models and a pair of V3 Razrs.

Grains of sorrow

Burglars helped themselves to \$10,000 left overnight in the cash register of a Washington Street eatery on Dec. 27, police said.

A 30-year-old employee at the ground-level restaurant — which specializes in rice and curries — said the cash was in the drawer at 5:30 pm that night. When she checked the next day at 10 am, the funds were gone, police said.

The thief left few clues, as police found no signs of a break-in at the restaurant.

Robbed at doc

A trip to the doctor on Dec. 23 cost one woman in ways she never expected.

Police said the 31-year-old victim's house was robbed while she was sitting at a medical office on Clinton Street from 9 am until 1 pm. When she got home, she discovered her wallet was missing, as well as the \$1,137 she had tucked inside earlier that day, police said.

Deposit snatch

First, it was time to make the donuts. Then, it was time to make the deposit. But this thief failed at both.

Police said a worker at a popular donut franchise on the corner of Atlantic and Fourth avenues disappeared on Dec. 29 with \$2,476 in store profits she was supposed to deposit into the bank. The 20-year-old suspect's supervisor asked her to make a bank drop at 2 pm that day.

But the bank never saw the cash and the suspect failed to return to work that day or the next, police said. The woman also instructed her family in the Bronx to tell anyone at work who contacted them that they had not seen her.

Police know who she is and expect to bring her in shortly.

His identity stolen, Jersey man 'bought' B'klyn home

By Jeffrey Gold

Associated Press

TRENTON — Steven Comeau knows the turmoil that can be created when someone has enough data to impersonate you.

In November 2001, the South Brunswick man was surprised to learn that he was considered the owner of a small apartment house in Brooklyn, and was behind on his mortgage payments. Comeau also had a \$500 balance on a new credit card he never asked for and owed \$8,000 on three cellphones he didn't have.

Like millions of other Americans, Comeau was a victim of identity theft. A new state law that took effect Sunday aims to crack down on such crimes by allowing residents to freeze access to personal credit reports.

Under the new law, New Jersey residents can control access to their own credit reports. Without access to "frozen" reports, an identity thief cannot obtain a mortgage or a credit card using someone else's name, even with the victim's Social Security number.

Consumers wishing to freeze access to their reports are required to inform the credit reporting agencies by overnight or certified mail since the letter includes their Social Security number. Each agency, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion, requires different information in addition to the Social Security number, so consumers should contact them before writing.

The new law also requires businesses of all sizes to destroy unneeded consumer records and report security breaches to customers. And Social Security numbers can no longer be used on identity badges, membership cards or used to allow the holder to gain access to products or services.

Consumer advocates say New Jersey's law is among the best in the nation, where some believe up to 10 million people a year are victimized by identity theft.

The effects of the crime linger for Comeau. The impersonator bought the building with no money down and collected rent in cash from tenants. A bank sued Comeau to collect \$220,000 on the building before he proved he wasn't the buyer.

But when Comeau, 46, and his wife were buying a home this summer they found the default from Brooklyn still on a credit report. "It caused some delays in the purchase," he said.

Although it costs nothing to freeze a credit report, Comeau said he was disappointed that the new law lets consumers be charged \$5 to "thaw" the report. Since there are three major credit rating companies, it could cost consumers \$15 when they apply for a loan or get a new credit card.

Abigail Caplowitz, legislative advocate for the New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, said the law has laudable features, including a one requiring companies to notify people when their private information has been improperly breached or disclosed.

Cops nab New Year's Eve stabber

By Lilo H. Stainton
The Brooklyn Papers

A 46-year-old man stabbed a Bronx resident in the head during a Flatbush Avenue bar fight before dawn on Dec. 31, police said.

The 29-year-old victim retrieved his coat and prepared to leave the tavern, located near Dean Street at 2:50 am, police said. But violence sparked and the older man plunged something into his head, leaving a deep cut.

Luckily, a police sergeant from the 78th Precinct happened to be on the scene. He held the thug and Officer Rebecca Rodriguez arrived to arrest the man on assault charges.

Teen holdup

A trio of muggers scored nearly \$900 in cash and electronics from a teenager walking home after midnight on Dec. 29, police said.

The three men surrounded the 16-year-old victim when she reached the corner of Fifth Street and Eighth Avenue, at 1:10 am, according to police. One demanded, "Give me your bag," and grabbed the purse before the muggers ran down Fifth Street to Seventh Avenue.

The bag held a \$450 digital

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camera, a cellphone and \$60, among other things, police said. Police are searching for three black men, two of whom were roughly 6-foot-1 and 175 pounds, and a third who was 5-foot-5 and 150 pounds. All three donned black ski jackets for the heist, police said.

Driver robbed

With friends like this, one livery driver clearly has no need for enemies.

Police said the 29-year-old driver lost \$3,500 to an acquaintance who robbed him on Dec. 29.

When the driver reached a stop, at Fifth Avenue and 11th

Street, around 9:30 pm, the suspect grabbed the man's wallet, fat with fares. It wasn't clear if the suspect was in the car or outside, chatting through the window.

Police have the name of an Ecuadorian man, described as 5-foot-6 and 140 pounds with short, dark, curly hair, whom they believe is the robber.

Xmas mug

A young woman lost her purse to a thief who snatched it from her hand as she walked

home on Christmas Eve, police said.

The suspect plucked the bag from her grasp sometime around 9 pm, as the 21-year-old victim stood on the corner of Lincoln Place and Seventh Avenue. The pocketbook contained a wallet with an assortment of credit cards, a New York driver's license and her health insurance ID, her cellphone and house keys, police said.

The victim described the mugger as a black man close

to age 20, 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, according to police. He selected a black jacket, gray sneakers, blue pants and a black stocking cap for the night of the robbery.

Building robbed

A fleet-footed thief stole antique jewelry and wedding rings from a penthouse apartment on Prospect Park West the afternoon of Dec. 23, police said.

The 84-year-old resident left home, in a building at Carroll Street, at noon. When he re-

turned a half-hour later, police said someone had raided his jewelry box and absconded with an 18th century gold ring with a purple gem, a trio of gold wedding bands and a fifth gold ring engraved with the following words: "Everything leads me to thee."

Police have few clues, but hope that statement proves true.

Thieves stopped

An Eighth Street resident caught two burglars in the act the morning of Dec. 27, spur-

ing himself any property loss, police said.

The 50-year-old man arrived home at 10 am and discovered two strangers inside his house, near Third Avenue, ransacking his belongings. The victim chased them from the property before they could snatch anything, police said.

But the burglars also fled before the resident could get a good look at them, according to police, who found the locks on the front door broken.

Car thieves on overtime for the holidays

By Lilo H. Stainton
The Brooklyn Papers

Between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, robbers helped themselves to a half-dozen private vehicles, two sets of airbags and a U-Haul truck parked in the company's Fourth Avenue lot, police said.

While reports of stolen cars — like most crime — have dropped drastically during the last 15 years, according to NYPD statistics, officers in the 78th Precinct recorded a rise in auto thefts in late November and early December.

Police said a thief snatched a

white Ford van from the U-Haul depot at Sixth Street late last week. A U-Haul employee said a customer returned the rental vehicle around 3:50 pm on Dec. 29, and parked it with the keys in the ignition — a company no-no.

When the worker inventoried the van the next day, around 9 am Dec. 30, that particular Ford was missing.

Company officials checked the dispatch records, but learned the van — a 1996 model with Arizona plates — had not been rented or transferred, police said. Another worker insisted he saw the vehicle in the lot on the afternoon of Dec. 29. U-Haul representatives at the Fourth Avenue

outlet declined to comment.

The other stolen vehicles were:

- A black, 1994 Jeep Cherokee parked on Pacific Street, near Fifth Avenue, which was removed around 2 pm on Dec. 27. The 35-year-old owner had just purchased the car, which was still registered with the dealership, police said.

- A 1995 Honda Accord, which went missing from Ninth Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, between 10:30 pm on Dec. 27 and 6:30 am on Dec. 28. The owner, a 51-year-old Connecticut man, parked the black sedan in front of his daughter's house during their visit.

- A 1983 Oldsmobile, which was

stolen from Lincoln Place, near Fifth Avenue, sometime between 10 pm on Dec. 27 and 11 am on Dec. 29. The 52-year-old owner parked the car around the corner from her home.

- A black, 2003 Cadillac Expedition, which disappeared from a commercial parking lot on Warren Street, all left in the car — to the robbers.

The owner, a 26-year-old Long Island man, said he left the SUV at 7:30 am on Dec. 29, but when he returned at 3 pm, the Caddy was gone.

- A 1987 Nissan pick-up truck, which was removed from a Ninth Street parking spot, near Fourth Avenue, between 9 pm on Dec. 29 and 2 pm on Dec. 30. The owner left the

black truck in front of his home.

- A 2001 gold Acura, which disappeared from President Street, near Prospect Park West, between 9 pm on Dec. 31 and 9 am on Jan. 1. The owner, a 63-year-old Maryland man, also lost a \$300 winter coat, CDs worth \$400 and a cellphone charger — all left in the car — to the robbers.

Police in the 78th Precinct also recorded two car burglaries last week, both involving stolen airbags on Berkeley Place.

In the first crime, robbers removed the airbags from a 2003 Toyota Rava sometime between Christmas Eve and mid-day on Dec. 30, police said. The SUV was parked

between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Thieves also snatched the airbags from a 2005 Honda Civic between the afternoon of Dec. 27 and mid-day on Dec. 31, police said. This car was parked just steps from Eighth Avenue.

Deputy Inspector Thomas J. Harris of the 78th Precinct, said police have already put into place new strategies for dealing with the rash of thefts.

"We're concerned, so we are focusing on stopping more cars in hopes of reducing the vehicle thefts," Harris told The Brooklyn Papers.

Harris said the precinct has recorded 19 stolen autos during December — seven more than during the same time period in 2004.

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Gas station owner stuck in neutral

Fears Ratner buyout off the table



John Tsao stands in front of the Mobile gas station at 195 Flatbush Ave. He has owned the station, which is on property Bruce Ratner wants to use as part of his Atlantic Yards project, for 25 years.

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Papers

John Tsao may be out of gas.

The owner of a Flatbush Avenue Mobil station within the footprint of Bruce Ratner's proposed Atlantic Yards project says the developer is having second thoughts about a generous offer made this fall to buy out Tsao for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The deal was put on the table after Ratner bought the land on which Tsao's eight gas pumps and mini-mart stand. Tsao subleased the land from ExxonMobil.

After the sale, Ratner vice-president Andy Zlotnick stopped by unannounced and offered the buyout, even though Tsao does not have any rights over the land.

At the time, Tsao, a popular figure who calls his customers by their first name, had no desire to leave the neighborhood. He also was uncertain whether Ratner would ever build his sports, residential and commercial Xanadu anyway. But he took the vice president's business card anyway.

Tsao is wishing he had taken the mon-

ey and run.

For the past few months, Tsao has kept his cellphone close to his side in anticipation of a ring from either the corporation who sold him his business—ExxonMobil—or the one who has the power to take it away—Forest City Ratner, which plans to raze the gas station.

ExxonMobil never reached out to Tsao about losing his property. He could relocate his franchise, but the company offers no help.

ExxonMobil does not have a specific program designed to provide assistance to franchise owners when, as in this instance, the property underlying their service station may be sold by a third party," said spokeswoman Betsy Eaton.

Tsao says that his phone calls to the company's headquarters go unanswered. "But this is the industry standard," said Tsao. "A gas station dealer or owner is the bottom step. If the company makes a cough, it's an earthquake to us."

When Tsao realized that Ratner's deal might be the only one he would be seeing, he picked up Zlotnick's card.

He didn't get a call back—until The Brooklyn Papers called Forest City Ratner to find out whether the deal was still on the table.

"Honestly, I am not confident at all [that the deal is in place]," Tsao said. "I know they bought the building to the left of us and to the right of us. But if they already purchased the property, then they have another way to get me out."

Even if the sale goes through, he is not sure if he will have the capital to establish a new station.

"Financially, it will be a problem. When you buy something 30 years ago and they find out you have to leave in a matter of 12 months, it's not easy to get things together," he said.

Tsao blames Mobile's 1999 merger with Exxon for making him even smaller in the eyes of the massive corporation. The company is so vast he doesn't know who exactly could help him, he says.

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lets streaking into New Year

By **Lucky Ngamwajarat**
For The Brooklyn Papers

Nets 99

Clippers 85

Dec. 20 at E. Rutherford

Nets 96

Orlando 85

Dec. 21 at Orlando

Nets 95

Miami 88

Dec. 23 at Miami

Nets 109

Knicks 101

Dec. 26 at Madison Square Garden

Nets 96

Cavaliers 91

Dec. 27 at E. Rutherford

Nets 97

Hawks 91

Dec. 30 at E. Rutherford

T'was the week before Christmas and throughout the league, the Nets slammed and jammed, and showed no fatigue. J-Kidd was there with assists by the dozens, while Vince Carter laughed along with his cousin RJ.

All right, enough of the rhymes. The Nets continued their winning ways over the Clippers, Magic, Heat, Knicks, Cavs, and Hawks, extending their winning streak to eight games. New Jersey has been powered by the scoring of Carter, who is averaging 30-plus points per game.

The Brooklyn-bound Nets began Christmas week in their home swamp against the surprising Clippers, currently 16-10. Carter was his brilliant self yet again, scoring early and often. He finished with a game-high of 35 and also contributed with 9 rebounds and 7 assists, all team highs. Richard Jefferson had 20 points of his own, as the Nets led from start to finish and won 99-85.

Carter showed no fatigue the next night against the Magic in Orlando — but saved his best for last, scoring 10 of his game-high 32 points in the final stanza. Orlando held a brief 77-76 lead with 8:23 left in the game, but Carter wouldn't let the Nets lose. After nailing a pair of free throws and a defensive stop, Carter punctuated the game with an alley-oop dunk, courtesy of a highlight-worthy Kidd pass. New Jersey wouldn't look back and won 96-85.

Vin-sanity saved his best performance for a discriminating audience of Shaquille O'Neal, Dwayne Wade and old friend Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat. The Nets struggled in the first quarter, scoring a season-low 12 points and shooting terribly. No Net had any answer for Shaq, who treated Nenad Krstic like a rag doll.

The Nets were down by as many as 15 points and it looked bleak for New Jersey. But the team made a frenzied charge and cut the lead at halftime to 46-41. Carter would join in the second half, including a stretch where he scored 14 consecutive points, allowing the

Ratnerettes to seize the game and the lead. In the end, Carter tied a career-high of 51 points.

New Jersey wrapped up its winning week just a few miles from the team's future home in Brooklyn, taking on the sad-sack Knicks at the Garden. Kidd and Co. take sadistic pleasure in tormenting their cross-town rivals, and this night would be no different.

Carter continued his high-flying ways, this time joined by Jefferson. Near the end of the first half, Kidd stole an in-bounds pass from the self-proclaimed best point guard in the league, ex-Net Stephen Marbury, dished off to Carter, who set-up a streaking Jefferson for a thunderous jam.

The final scoring play of the first half was a memorable one, as Kidd threw another gorgeous pass for Carter on an in-bounds play and Carter threw it down to the admiration of the press of the Knick faithful. The Manhattanites would get close in the fourth, but not nearly enough to beat their rivals.

New Jersey returned to the swamp for another tussle against King LeBron and the Cavs. This time, Jefferson was the main guy, as Carter was hounded with foul trouble. RJ had 28 points and 9 for 11 from the field, after shooting a perfect 8 for 8 against the Knicks the night before.

The Cavs made it interesting in the final game, as LeBron James just missed a triple-double, scoring 31 points, grabbing 10 boards and passing out 8 dimes. But the Nets held on for a 96-91 victory.

The Nets ended the year as one of the hottest teams in the NBA, rolling off their eighth consecutive win against the woeful Atlanta Hawks Friday night before going into a week-long break.

"Everybody deserves it," said Vince Carter. "Everybody is committed to this team. We've turned things around."

Carter's renaissance in the swamps of the Meadowlands continued with a 37-point performance against Atlanta. He shot 57 percent from the field, including 5 for 7 from long distance. The team completed 50 percent of its free throws. The Hawks certainly didn't play like the worst team in the NBA, taking an 84-81 lead late in the fourth quarter.

But the Nets were bailed out by super-sub Jacque Vaughn, who scored 6 of his 8 points in the final period. J-Kidd's understudy nailed a jumper that gave the Jersey-fleeing Nets the lead for good with 3:26.

It was a two-ho game for the team's big three as Kidd scored 21 and Richard Jefferson scored 26 for the Atlantic Division-leading Nets.

Lucky's Last Links

The Nets are now 15-0 when leading after the third quarter. New Jersey now leads the Atlantic Division by a half game over the 76ers and are 16-12 on the season... The Nets are on an amazing run, but this team will not win an NBA title with the current roster. If Rod Thorn are serious about winning a championship (and protecting Bruce Ratner's investment), they need to acquire someone who can cut the lead at halftime to 46-41. Carter would join in the second half, including a stretch where he scored 14 consecutive points, allowing the

Group says planned Indy owner has poor record with minorities

By **Deborah Yao**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A community group has asked the Federal Reserve Board to force Sovereign Bancorp to hold public hearings on its two acquisitions — including a takeover of Brooklyn-based Independence Community Bank Corp. — claiming that the thrift has a poor lending record to blacks and Latinos.

Bronx-based Inner City Press/Fair Finance Watch said the multimillion-dollar transactions will entrench management in a company that it claims "disproportionately excludes and denies" loans to certain minorities and charges higher prices to blacks when loans are made.

The community group joins growing opposition to Sovereign's pending sale of a 19.8 percent stake to Spain's Grupo Santander for \$2.4 billion in cash.

With the proceeds, Sovereign plans to buy Inde-

pendence for \$3.6 billion in cash. Both deals do not require shareholder approval.

"It's a bad deal for community lending," Matthew Lee, the group's executive director, said Tuesday. "We've looked at Sovereign's existing lending in the market — from Philadelphia to Boston — and we found that in all of the markets we've looked at they disproportionately deny credit to people of color, African Americans and Latinos. Where credit is granted, they are much more likely to impose higher costs on people of color."

Sovereign responded by saying it has received two consecutive "outstanding" Community Reinvestment Act ratings — assessed every two years — from the Office of Thrift Supervision from 2000 to 2004.

It also said it gave more than \$7.5 billion in loans to low- and moderate-income individuals and communities from 2003 to 2005.

Over the next five years, Sovereign said it is committed to making a \$14 billion

investment in communities in its main banking markets.

A spokeswoman for the Federal Reserve said the board received a filing from Inner City Press but said the board couldn't comment.

The community group, citing 2004 federal mortgage data, claimed that in the Philadelphia metropolitan area, blacks were turned down for conventional home loans 2.8 times more often than whites and Latinos were denied 3.6 times more often.

The group also claimed that blacks were charged higher costs for loans more frequently than whites. Among upper-income blacks versus whites, blacks were charged higher-cost loans 2.5 times more frequently, Inner City Press/Fair Finance Watch said.

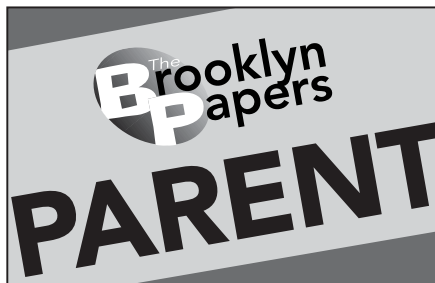
Relational Investors LLC, Sovereign's largest share holder, is unhappy about the lack of shareholder approvals because it sees the transactions as detrimental to existing shareholders. Relational said to cut the thrift's board of directors.

Norton before Cooper interjected, explaining that the theater is also struggling to raise money for its building, which is expected to cost a whopping \$33.8 million.

"Who knows what will happen there?" Cooper said, rushing onto the next question.

The new buildings — both part of the \$650-million "BAM Cultural District" — will replace a Brooklyn Academy of Music parking lot and a nearby gardening store.

Not included in current illustrations is another Gerry addition to the neighborhood: the 70-story "Miss Brooklyn" skyscraper that Forest City Ratner plans to erect as part of the Atlantic Yards development, located just a few blocks south at the intersection of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues.



Stagemomitis

TEEN SPIRIT'S BAND, Cool and Unusual Punishment, was headlining the family-friendly New Year's Eve at the Red Hook's Liberty Heights Tap Room, and as Smartmom's 14-year-old and his handmaiden took the stage, I recalled my 2006 New Year's resolution over and over: "I will not be a stage mom."

It's to quell those stage mom tendencies. What mother hasn't wanted to enhance the abilities of her children? On the other hand, channeling Mama Rose invites disaster.

Stage-mothering starts innocently enough. Really. Just a simple attempt to fix something that went wrong with one's own childhood.

First, you insist that your child takes up an instrument. After all, most parents say their biggest regret was quitting piano lessons. So what better way to rectify that past mistake than by not passing it on to the next generation?

Teen Spirit was going to be the next Benny Goodman. Smartmom signed him up for clarinet lessons with a cute, newly minted conservatory graduate (whose flyer was posted on a Park Slope lamppost, so you knew he was good), but Teen Spirit quit after eight lessons.

The Musical Theater Workshop at Gowanus Arts was even more of a fiasco. Teen Spirit went along with it, but even he knew it was about Smartmom's thwarted attempt to star in her sixth-grade production of "Guys and Dolls." Teen Spirit, who never wanted to be an actor, especially a singing one, nearly dropped out just days before the show. Afterwards he told Smartmom: "Never again."

THAT'S when Smartmom and Hepcat decided to lay back a little. They'd learned the hard (and expensive) way that it just doesn't pay to push your child artistically even if he's "musically gifted. I just know it."

So Smartmom and Hepcat went to the other pole, playing it cool to any of Teen Spirit's artistic enthusiasms. "Hey, anyone want to see my comics?" he once said at the height of his middle-school comics drawing obsession. "Maybe later," Hepcat feigned disinterest. "I'm a little busy right now."

Last spring, Teen Spirit surprised his parents by starting a band with two friends, Red and Best Buddy. Smartmom and Hepcat were dying to hear, but Teen Spirit told them to stay away until the band was ready.

Despite the warning, Smartmom eavesdropped on the band's practices by standing on the sidewalk in front of Red's apartment building (where for art thou, Teen Spirit?). Finally, one Friday evening, Teen Spirit invited his family upstairs.

SMARTMOM COULD barely contain her enthusiasm for the band's rendition of Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust" and "Where is My Mind," by The Pixies. "How did they learn how to play so well?" Smartmom wondered, still under the parental

decision that nothing good could possibly be accomplished unless the parent is intimately involved.

So a month later, when the band had its first gig at the Rockin' Teens Showcase at Liberty Heights, Smartmom — a singer-songwriter in her own right — found herself awash in a mix of feelings.

Smartmom knew she was passing the baton to her son and finally letting go of some of her long-held fantasies. Ah, such is life. Yet, of course, she was thrilled for her boy.

Over time, Teen Spirit has been willing to talk to his parents about the band. Smartmom is always full of praise and encouragement — to a fault, perhaps. Recently, Teen Spirit told her, "You're the kind of mom who thinks every-

thing I do is perfect. I like it when Dad gives me constructive criticism. It feels more real."

Pivot taken. The band now has a Web site, two CDs, and even the requisite coterie of teenage fans. For Brooklynites of a certain age, Cool and Unusual Punishment is mentioned right up there with StunGun, Mod Rocket, Tetsuwan Fireball, and Teenage Jesus. Who knew Brownstone Brooklyn was becoming the next Athens, Georgia?

So at the Liberty Heights family-friendly New Year's Eve party, the teen audience huddled at small tables while parents stuck to the other side of the laid-back pizza restaurant. Cool and Unusual Punishment — the headline-ers! — went on at 11:20.

Their 40-minute set, which included originals and an Arcade Fire medley, culminated in a spirited rendition of "Another One Bites the Dust" at just minutes before midnight. Nice touch, kid.

MOST OF THE PARENTS knew enough not to get up and dance — that would be far too embarrassing for their teenage offspring. But it was fun enough to merely cheer them on. And cry a little when one was looking. Smartmom got misty-eyed, proud and even a little jealous of her son, who seemed to be having an awfully good time.

Now, if only she could get Oh So Fiasty One to take piano lessons...

The next Rockin' Teens Showcase at the Liberty Heights Tap Room (54 Van Dyke St., at Dwight Street) is on Saturday, Jan. 14, from noon to 4 p.m.

SMART mom



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the library system?" she asked.

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Norton's latest illustrations also showed the adjacent, Rubic's Cube-like Theatre for a New Audience, a 299-seat playhouse designed by starchitect Frank Gehry with Hugh Hardy.

Before Tuesday's discussion about the performing arts library, trustees asked about progress at the Gehry theatre — a project announced nearly a year ago with much fanfare by Mayor Bloomberg.

"It's sort of like a done deal," responded



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January 7, 2006



All the best

One reviewer recalls 10 best Brooklyn meals enjoyed in 2005

By Tina Barry
for The Brooklyn Papers

In the past year, more restaurants opened than I could possibly visit, and those in which I dined are raising the bar on what constitutes a great meal — at a tab that puts less evolved Manhattan places to shame.

But ask me to pick my favorite of the bunch for 2005, and the answer will be "No way." The choices are too varied, and anyway, I go from "love" to "just friends" with restaurants faster than Renee Zellweger and Kenny Chesney.

I've tried to narrow my choices down to 10 that I visited this year, cheating a bit by adding a list of honorable mentions. There are other eateries in this borough that I admire — and visit all the time — but for this story, I included only those I reviewed in 2005 for GO Brooklyn.

So, whether they took the falafel out of Middle Eastern cooking or used it in an innovative way, dished out flawless renditions of American classics, or put the perfect back into pizza, each of the restaurants in this year's roundup fed me something — or lots of things — that made me happy.

Anyone who thinks Jewish mothers only inspire guilt hasn't eaten at Miriam. Owner Refael Hasid pays tribute to mom by naming his restaurant after her and using many of her recipes in the kitchen.

The man executing Miriam's dishes and plenty of his own, is Ido Ben Shmuel, who dazzled my mother (see a pattern here?) and me this summer. We started with a ceviche of sweet grouper, "cooked" in lemon and lime juices. The fish sat in a small puddle of ripe tomato puree, brightened with cilantro and parsley, and Shmuel topped the little pile with slivers of pickled garlic and batons of lightly cooked beets. The first bite was shockingly vivid, then herbaceous. Slowly, hot and smoky notes crept in.

It was divine. Ceviches are off the menu until the summer, but Shmuel is serving spicy, pan-seared sea scallops that won't disappoint you. Neither will the figs filled with goat cheese in a red wine sauce that left my mother speech-

Forkfuls of praise — and dismay

Below are a few "honorable mentions" that would have made the list if I had been allowed to name my Top 16, and several citations are awarded to places that could use a reality check.

Honorable mention goes to **Beast** in Prospect Heights for terrific grilled sardines and an outstanding lemon tart; Greenpoint's **Paloma** for scallops on a puree of nutty cauliflower that was at once earthy and suave; Park Slope's **Test** for admirably light panini; **Sette Enoteca e Cucina**

in Park Slope for a great mascarpone cheesecake with quince compote; Smith Street's **Cibo e Gente** for lasagna the way it should be made; and **Sweetwater** in Williamsburg for the best butterscotch pudding I've ever eaten.

The "Hey you're hurting me!" citation goes to **Song** in Park Slope for assaulting my ear drums, with **Dish** in Bay Ridge coming in a close second.

The two Park Slope restaurants to win the "Least likely to be confused with a Ricardo Mont-

less. (If you knew her, you'd understand the significance.)

Mom stayed home when I visited **Olea**, a Fort Greene restaurant that opened in October. Good thing, too, because she would have gobbled up all of my fried mussels. I had never sampled a fried mussel, but since my dinner there, I don't want them any other way.

They're just one of the delicious surprises from Olea's chef Gary Moran. He skips around the warmer countries and comes up with intriguing combinations: those mussels are coupled with squid rings, lemon slices and fresh sage leaves that he drops into the butter and sizzles them up, too.

He takes artichoke hearts, fried in a falafel batter, and serves them with a smoky Turkish eggplant salad that made me want to ask, "Please sir, may I have some more?"

The food is so wildly delicious and the portions so enormous, that if you ask for more" at **Amelia's Ristorante** in Bay Ridge, then you're a glutton. Chef Ken Deiner whisks around the eight-seat place he

opened in August. He stops at each table to entertain with amusing restaurant lore before racing back to his one-man kitchen. Everything I tasted at Amelia's was superb: a strip steak that would put Manhattan's meat emporiums to shame; crusty diver sea scallops on a bed of decadently rich polenta enhanced with herbs and cream; and an extraordinary red snapper encased in a pistachio nut crust served with couscous that absorbed a heady lobster broth.

Oh, man, was that great. So was just about everything I tried at **Applewood**, a restaurant in Park Slope whose chef, David Shea, is dedicated to the slow food movement. Shea likes bacon — and so do I — so his mix of wild mushrooms studded with salty ladons over creamy polenta won my heart. So did Shea's braised pork belly with its brittle crust and lush interior.

Chef Pierre Thiam of **Le Dakar** in Clinton Hill makes my list again this year. (His Best-Soy restaurant **Volete** was included in 2004.) If he opens a restaurant the year after,

Memorable morsels: (Clockwise from left) Amelia restaurant's Colorado lamb with Dijon herb shell is served on weekends in Bay Ridge; Chef Ido Ben Shmuel of Miriam in Park Slope; the linguine with clam sauce at Sam's in Bay Ridge; Le Dakar's signature cocktail of pina colada infused with sorrel flowers; and the "posole estilo Guerrero" is served on Saturdays at Red Hook's El Hupil.

and the year after that, Thiam will be included in those roundups, too. Why? Because I was so overwhelmed with his cooking the last time I was there that I was surprised I didn't start speaking in tongues.

Thiam, who opened his Senegalese restaurant, **Le Dakar**, in September 2004, can take something as simple as tomato soup and turn it into a multi-layered masterpiece of flavor. His "Thiebou Djenn," an African fish stew with bluefish and okra made me dizzy, while his "Paris Dakar," a thin tart of apple and mango layers, sits on the most brittle, buttery crust that's as thin as glass.

If you haven't visited Le Dakar, then go. Right now.

Once journalists and the public got past, "Isn't that the guy from 'The Restaurant?'" Rocco DiSpirito's crash-and-burn reality show, they realized that the real story at **Id** is the food. The guy, Laurent Saillard, who opened **Id** in 2004, installed chef Julie Farias in the kitchen. Working with Saillard's recipes, as well as her own, Farias turns out simple, playful, market-driven dishes that rarely disappoint.

Sitting in the Fort Greene eatery's leafy garden this summer, I was served an "oyster brulee." The single oyster (an "amuse bouche" or little mouth amusement) was dabbed with a bit of lemon-laced anchovy butter sprinkled with crisp breadcrumbs then browned in the broiler, hence the "brulee." It was one bite of everything I love: salt, citrus, cream and crunch.

If you've had it up to your molars with bistro fare, then head to **El Hupil** in Red Hook for real Mexican — not Tex-Mex — See **BEST OF** on page 6

BOOKS

Book 'em

Now that the holidays are behind us, it's time to curl up and relax with one good book — or nine, if you plan on attending every event in the Brooklyn Academy of Music's upcoming literary series.

A co-production with the National Book Awards Foundation, "Eat, Drink & Be Literary: Dinner and a Reading in BAM-caffé" begins its second season on Jan. 12 with a visit from author Gish Jen (pictured, left) and a discussion moderated by jack-of-all-media Kurt Andersen.

Jen is the author of several novels that address the Chinese-American experience. In "Typical American" (Houghton Mifflin,

1991) and its sequel "Mona in the Promised Land" (Knopf, 1996), critics praised her for her insights as much as for her wit. Her latest novel, "The Love Wife" (Knopf, 2004), has as its hilarious premise a meddling mother-in-law who bequeaths a nanny from mainland China to her Chinese-American son and his Caucasian wife.

BAM's literary events begin at 6:30 pm with live music and wine, followed by a buffet dinner in the BAM-caffé prepared by executive chef Carlos Baca. At 8 pm, the literary program begins with authors reading from their works, participating in a discussion with the moderator, and answering questions from audience members.

BAM's in-house bookstore, The Shakespeare & Co. BAMshop, will provide books for purchase and signing.

Mark your calendars! Among the featured authors in this year's series are Julian Barnes (Jan. 26), Jonathan Safran Foer (Feb. 23) and Jonathan Lethem (April 20, pictured above). The series continues through June 1; visit www.bam.org for a complete list of scheduled authors.

But just because the holidays have come and gone, it doesn't mean the holiday spirit has to follow. Used books, in good condition, can be donated in the BAM lobby, prior to each event, and will be distributed to local charities and organizations.

Tickets to "Eat, Drink & Be Literary" are \$42, including admission to the reading, dinner, wine, tax and tip. A 20-percent discount is available to those who buy tickets to five or more events. Subscription and single tickets can be purchased by calling (718) 636-4100. Single tickets may also be purchased at the Web site www.bam.org or in person at the BAM box office (30 Lafayette Ave., at Ashland Place, in Fort Greene).

— Lisa J. Curtis

DANCE



Clap and chat

Brooklyn Arts Exchange is kicking off the first event of its 2006 "First Weekends New Performance and Discussion Series" with a visit from the Mob.

Mob Productions, that is. On Jan. 7 at 8 pm, the members of Mob won't be breaking kneecaps — at least we hope not. These dancers will be exploring "the physicality of emotions that occur: moment by moment, in intimate relationships" — purely through movement.

Also on Saturday's bill is an excerpt from "Mar Adentro (The Sea Within)," a new work by choreographers Alicia Diaz and Marton Ramirez. "The Sea Within" is a collaboration with Peruvian percussionist Sebastian Guerrero and former Philobolus dancer Matthew Thornton.

The triple bill is complete with Milka Djordjevic's "Four Women in Dresses," featuring dancers performing "a stylized critique of the subtle choreography of social life," set to the repetitive, mechanical brass music of the Boban Markovic Orkestar.

As with all "First Weekends" events, the audience is invited to participate in a discussion with the artists following this presentation of their works-in-progress.

Don't tightheadaboutit.

The Brooklyn Arts Exchange is located at 421 Fifth Ave., at Eighth Street, in Park Slope. Tickets are \$15. For reservations and more information, call (718) 832-0018 or visit the Web site at www.bax.org.

— Lisa J. Curtis

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Neighborhood Dining Guide

This week:
PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Aliseo Osteria del Borgo

665 Vanderbilt Ave. at Park Place, (718) 783-3400 (Cash only) Entrees: \$13-\$20. Tucked in the heart of Prospect Heights since February 2003, this tiny Italian restaurant features a new menu each day. Sample inventive dishes like "tonno di maiale con fici" (pork loin stuffed with figs) or "bis-technica ripiena" (pasta stuffed with herbs and prosciutto). There are also interesting pasta dishes such as the "lasagne con mastrà" (lasagne with duck rigoli with bechamel cream sauce).

Check out the cheese selection, and the wine list, much of which hails from the Marche region of Italy, like Aliseo's owner, Albano Bellini.

For dessert, try the "panna cotta all'anice," anise-flavored panna cotta with figs in orange sauce. Open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Garden seating is available, weather permitting.

Amorina Cucina Rustica

624 Vanderbilt Ave. at Prospect Place, (718) 230-3300 (Cash only) Entrees: \$10-\$14.

This boutique-style place opened in March and is owner Albano Bellini's second venture in the area, located directly across the avenue from his Aliseo Osteria del Borgo. Chef Ruth Kaplan prepares the crusty Roman-style slices with a variety of topping combinations, including sun-dried tomato pesto and salami, or mushrooms, sweet tomatoes and sausage. Every other week, Kaplan introduces a new "pie to love" pie, which are novelty pizzas like the "Pasta alla Norma" with eggplant, ricotta salata, cherry tomatoes and fresh basil. Entrees include eggplant Parmesan, baked ziti, lasagne or rigatoni with olives and rosemary. The funky dining room adds to the experience, with vintage wallpaper and 12 different styles of chandeliers. The restaurant serves dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Mondays.

Brooklyn Museum Cafe

200 Eastern Parkway at Washington Avenue, (718) 638-5500.

The cafe is the perfect place for a timeout after wandering by the museum's impressive holdings. Contemplate the artwork of Asia, Africa, and ancient Egypt over Starbucks coffee. Discuss one of the largest ancient Egyptian art collections in the country over beer or wine, or marvel at the bold genius of Auguste Rodin's "Monument to Balzac" over chicken fingers and fries. Recent menu additions include panini sandwiches, a salad bar and pasta entrees. Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$4 students and seniors; free to Brooklyn Museum members and children 12 and younger. Open Wednesday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm.

Cafe Shane

794 Washington Ave. at St. Johns Place, (718) 399-9001, www.cafeshane.com. (AmEx, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: \$8-\$14. Named after owner Luther Williams's son, Cafe Shane opened in 2004, and offers a unique dining experience in the heart of Prospect Heights. Its menu, cooked by Chef Eduardo Rugieri, is eclectic with entrees that include coconut shrimp with mango-papaya salsa and basil drizzled over basmati rice and the "Mala Guinness," which is a West African peanut butter stew of chicken served with seasonal vegetables. Cafe Shane also has live jazz entertainment on Wednesdays and Sundays. Delivery and takeout available. Closed Mondays. Open daily for breakfast (until 4 pm), lunch, and dinner.

El Gran Castillo de Jagua

345 Flatbush Ave. at Park Place, (718) 622-8700, (MC, Visa) Entrees: \$7-\$14. It's been 17 years since owner Pedro Triguero opened this restaurant with a combination of the typical Spanish foods found throughout the Caribbean islands of Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Named for a fortress in Jagua, Cuba, the restaurant offers the traditional yellow or white rice with most entrees, yet there is nothing ordinary about the yellow rice with hints of garlic and parsley which Chef Jose Contreras cooks up. For an entree, there's rotisserie chicken, which can be combined with fresh vegetables or rice and beans, fol-

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peas with a side of steamed vegetables and plantains. For dessert, owner Reid recommends the pineapple cheesecake with guava sauce! Open daily from noon to 10:30 pm.

Le Gamin

556 Vanderbilt Ave. at Dean Street, (718) 789-5171, (AmEx, MC, Visa) Entrees: \$8-\$12.

Owner Kathy Palm started out as a regular in Robert Arbo's Le Gamin in Chelsea. Smitten by the hospitality of "Naughty Little Boy" (the English translation of the French name), Palm opened her own version of the cafe in Prospect Heights in June 2004. Palm's Le Gamin combines the ease of a coffee bar with the understated appeal of a casual French eatery.

Among the specialties on the menu, whose recipes were prepared by Arbo's, is the crepe. The variety of crepes ranges from savory versions made with buckwheat batter to the lighter-tasting "dessert crepes" made with white flour — "the best dishes on the menu," according to GO Brooklyn critic Tina Barry in August 2004. Filled with Valrhona chocolate and banana slices, the dessert crepe, when paired with Le Gamin's famous cafe au lait, makes for a first-rate meal, says Barry. (Hazelnut chocolate spread, Nutella, can be substituted for the dark Valrhona.)

Server Nicole Gunther recommends the popular "Le Gamin," a 200-gram croissant (a mix of zucchini, peppers and garlic) in a tomato sauce. Le Gamin also serves beer and wine. Open daily, from 8 am to 11 pm. In warmer months, garden cafe seating is available.

Soda Bar

629 Vanderbilt Ave. at St. Mark's Avenue, (718) 230-8393 (AmEx, MC, Visa) Dishes: \$3-\$8.50.

Decorated with signature ice cream parlor signs, Soda Bar, which opened in 2002, has expanded with the addition of Soda Lounge.

"Henry Boses had a sundae shop and soda fountain here for years," owner Anatoly Dubinsky told GO Brooklyn, "so the name and the signs come from him." In addition to hamburgers and piennos, the bar has 15 beers on tap, with a lot of imported selections and cocktails like the "Vanderbilt," which GO Brooklyn dining critic Tina Barry describes as a "potent, cold martini made with lime juice that could make an old Friday with Paris Hilton palatable." Open Monday through Thursday, from 5 pm to 3 am; Fridays and Saturdays, from 2 pm to 4 am; and Sundays, from 2 pm to 2 am.

Soda Lounge

629 Vanderbilt Ave. at St. Mark's Avenue, (718) 230-8393 (AmEx, DC, Disc, MC, Visa) Dishes: \$4.50-\$8.50.

Opened in November 2004, the Soda Lounge is attached to the Soda Bar, owner Anatoly Dubinsky's initial branch. The Lounge has several seating areas with Jennifer Convent's-style sofas with knee-high ottoman tables meant for resting food and drink. Served in plastic buckets, the charcoal-grilled hamburgers, chicken BLT, veggie burgers, onion rings and chicken wings are all good choices, according to Dubinsky. The Soda Lounge serves what Dubinsky describes as "American tapas, small cheese plates and antipasti." It also features margaritas made from fresh seasonal fruit and cocktails mixed with Boylan sodas. Soda Lounge is open daily from noon to 4 am. Garden seating is available, weather permitting.

Sugarcane

238 Flatbush Ave. at Bergen Street, (718) 230-3954, www.sugarcanebar.com. (AmEx, DC, MC, Visa) Entrees: \$15-\$17.

Chef Phoebe Gumbs brings Caribbean cooking with a Trinidadian influence to the Park Slope Prospect Heights area and gets rave reviews for her seafood, especially the sugarcane shrimp skewers and curried shrimp. Owned by Chef Phoebe's sister, Charmaine, and Gaspa Rodriguez, the restaurant's menu features many West Indian dishes including a Jamaican favorite, the jerk chicken. But with an entire menu bursting with sunny flavors, it may be hard to choose just one dish.

Diners can choose from delicacies like steamed-coconut salad, rum-and-dry-marinated steak chicken, and sourpuss fish. Since Sugarcane's opening in 2003, patrons have been clamoring for the calabash, made with okra and root vegetables, which is Trinidad's national dish. For dessert, Sugarcane is "famous" for its coconut bread pudding with coconut cream, anise liqueur, and rum. Her signature waffles, sweet potato pound cake has customers coming back day and night. Open daily from 11 am to 10 pm. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Closed Mondays.

Terrace Cafe

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 100 Washington Ave., (718) 623-7200, www.bbg.org/under the "Visitor Services" link (Cash only) Entrees: \$2-\$8.

If you're tempted to eat the greens on display at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, be sure to hop to the Terrace Cafe, which serves lunch and beverages. The menu features sandwiches like grilled chicken, ham and Brie cheese, and turkey and orange. The chicken burrito as well as assorted salads and Texas-style chili are also available. Dining is outdoors on the terrace from spring to early fall and in the lower level of the Steinhard Conservatory in late fall and winter. Open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm during winter, and from 10 am to 5 pm in the summer. Closed Mondays.

Editor's note: These are a sampling of restaurants in the neighborhood. The list rotates, and it is not comprehensive. For more restaurants, go to www.brooklynpapers.com or the "What's Hot" section. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact GO Brooklyn Editor Lisa Curtis via e-mail at Curtis@BrooklynPapers.com.

Pan-Asian comfort food



The Restaurant: Anthony's in Park Slope.

In one of those ugly New York landlord stories, Diane and Joseph DiMeo (pictured) were forced to sell their cooking school, the Neighborhood Kitchen, on Court Street. Determined to make the best of a lousy situation, the couple created Soja, a cozy neighborhood restaurant on Atlantic Avenue.

In the casual, red-walled space, which opened in June, you can pull up one of

the 40 seats to a wooden table and sip a specialty cocktail; there are 30 of them made with "soja," Korean rice liquor similar to vodka, but less potent.

"It's very drinkable," says Joseph. I'm sure it is, especially when the booze is flavored in-house with ingredients like berries, lemongrass and herbs. One to try is the "Sojuito," an Asian take on the Mojito that substitutes basil-infused

"soja" for the rum, and keeps the drink's traditional fresh mint sprigs.

Diane, who created the menu and serves as the restaurant's executive chef, is serving "pan-Asian comfort food with provisions from Korea, China, Vietnam and Taiwan," explains Joseph.

"It's a new version of Asian fusion that includes just Asian ingredients and techniques," he says. One dish that has become a customer favorite is the fried turnip cakes served with four sauces: peanut/chili, sweet chili, a hot pan-roasted chili sauce and another with soy, garlic and a hint of ginger.

"The sauces have become so popular that we've started to sell them to our customers," Joseph adds.

One hearty entree, perfect for the cold weather, is the "Emperor's Dish," featuring pork coated with tamarind sauce and served with house-made Fujii pupile sauce.

Each summer, there's a 30-seat garden that makes an ideal spot for sipping one of the restaurant's 10 Asian beers.

Soja (145 Atlantic Ave., between Henry and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights) accepts cash only. Entrees: \$8.50-\$13.95. The restaurant serves dinner Mondays, and Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Tuesdays.

Reservations accepted for parties of six or more. For information, call (718) 624-7658.

— Tina Barry

BEST OF...

Continued from page 5

cooking. I'm always touched by small family operations, so this tiny place in Red Hook really got to me. Mother Heleadora "Lolita" Vivar and her son Jeannito "Lolo" Vivar are from their home state of Guerrero; Jesus's wife Megan works the floor.

Everything that goes into their cooking — from the roasted peppers, to the hundreds of spices crushed in a mortar and pestle — is prepared in their little kitchen.

Vivar's "mole de pollo," is a moist chicken leg topped with the headiest mole sauce you're likely to encounter south of the border. It's the color of coal and unfolds slowly in the mouth: first smoke, then a taste of licorice, and then a hint of cocoa. It's one of those dishes that made me want to raise my fist in the air and shout "Yes!"

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"Tory restaurant: At the newly opened Anthony's in Park Slope, locals enjoy chicken with eggplant (above) as well as 'pizzaiolo' Bart Agostino's thin-crust pizzas.

chance, coconut shrimp, meatloaf. You get the picture.

Normally one would assume that the chef couldn't possibly maintain his enthusiasm when cooking an unchanging

menu of classics, so I had my doubts about **Samm's** in Bay Ridge, an eatery that's been around for seven years.

But after trying chef Segundo Guan's lamb chops, I knew I was wrong. He served seven of them, each tiny and rare. A thin crust of crisp, slightly mustardy bread crumbs did for the sweet meat what a little lip-gloss does for Angelina Jolie's kisser. Those lamb chops didn't taste like meat, but I was hooked when I tasted his velvety sauce streaked with shiitake mushrooms.

Why am I carrying on about lamb chops? When the meat is this good, it's a chef's job to make it shine. And a chef knows just how to amp up its flavor, then lamb chops are rave-worthy.

Why would I put a restaurant that serves mostly pizza on this list? Because since their arrival in November, Park Slope locals have reacted to **Anthony's** pies like thirsty desert wanderers handed a jug of cold water. The man creating all the ruckus is "pizzaiolo" Bart Agostino, whose pies are a dream: thin, chewy, delicately crusted, lightly coated with a fresh tomato, house-made sauce and mozzarella, and strewn with slivers of fresh basil.

The owners know their pies are great, but they don't fling around the patronizing "you're eating a piece of art" attitude that I've found in other Park Slope restaurants that emphasize great pizza.

Lina Buglione, the mother of owners Sam and Frank, makes a fabulous Sunday ragu, too.

So those are my top 10 for 2005 — all deserving of praise for serving our neighborhoods the kind of fare that keeps us coming back for more.

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He loves the '80s

Chris Rock's hilarious 'Everybody Hates Chris' show is drawn from his memories of Bedford-Stuyvesant

By Karen Butler
for The Brooklyn Papers

As anyone who has watched Chris Rock's stand-up act, HBO show or guest appearances on TV chat-fests can attest, the comedian/actor is a smart, straight-talking Brooklyn guy with a fierce wit.

His UPN show, "Everybody Hates Chris," offers a little more insight into how he got that way.

The hilarious family sit-com, which premiered in September, is loosely based on Rock's life as a young teen living with his blue-collar parents and siblings in 1982's "do or die" Bedford-Stuyvesant.

A cross between "The Cosby Show" and "Good Times," with a dash of "The Wonder Years" thrown in, the show opens as Chris's family moves from the "projects" into their new home in a better, but still rough, neighborhood.

The move means Chris, the oldest of three children, now has a long daily commute by bus to get to the predominantly white Corleone Junior High School in an Italian neighborhood.

renamed Brooklyn Beach, where Chris's strict, but loving, mother (played by "Martin" alum Tichina Arnold) hopes he will get a better education. (Not a Harvard education, the adult Chris observes in one of the show's many funny voiceovers, just not the "sticking-up-a-liquor-store-kind-of education" he would have gotten in Bed-Stuy.)

Once at his new school, Chris, played by the adorable newcomer Tyler James Williams, finds it difficult to fit in. Chased by bullies, the boy relies on



'The Wonder Years' in Brooklyn: The cast of UPN's "Everybody Hates Chris" features (from left to right) Tichina Arnold as Mom, Tyler James Williams as Chris, Imani Hakim as Tonya, Terry Crews as Dad and Tequan Richmond as Drew. (At left) Comedian Chris Rock (right) stands behind the scenes with executive producer/co-creator/writer Ali LeRoi (left) and Williams (center).

At home, things aren't much easier. Chris is designated the "emergency parent" to his taller, more confident younger brother, Drew, played by "Ray" co-star Tequan Richmond, and their bratty kid sister, Tonya, played by newcomer Imani Hakim. Among his duties while Mom is at work are watching the younger kids and making sure no-one wakes up their hard-working dad (played by former pro football player Terry Crews) before it's time for him to go to his night job.

his natural defenses — his brains and his sense of humor. Of course, those don't save him from getting his butt kicked initially, but they do secure him a place in the school's nerd population and the friendship of Greg (Vincent Martella), a fellow outcast and a boy who likes Chris for who he is — not who he tends to flee when trouble is afoot.

While the show is drawn from Rock's own personal experiences growing up with limited means, it is easy for all Brooklynites to relate to its likable characters and familiar family situations. After all, who wouldn't fear the wrath of a parent over a lost bus pass? Who can't understand the anxiety of being the new kid in town? Or of being self-conscious about our clothes at school? Who hasn't experienced or witnessed the dinner-time show-down in which someone wasn't leaving the table

until they ate what had been prepared? Who hasn't been rightly infuriated when wrongly accused of a sibling's offense?

Although these situations might not seem funny in the ordinary Brooklynite's life, they end up being a recipe for hilarity when watching them unfold through Rock's eyes.

In a recent interview with TV Guide Online, Rock reflected on his humble beginnings and strict upbringing and how they relate to this show's phenomenal success.

Tyler James Williams is so much cuter than I was," the Emmy- and Grammy Award-winning comedian insisted. "I was not a cute kid. I was in a really bad bicycle accident. I fell off the bike and messed up my mouth. My teeth were all over the place. I had braces, but we couldn't really afford to keep up with them, because you had to go in every week. At one point, I had to take the braces out myself because we couldn't really afford to go to the dentist. But if it wasn't for my particular childhood and the things that seemed harsh at the time, I wouldn't be in this place right now. I'm cool. I'm fine. I won."

Co-created and produced with Rock's long-time collaborator Ali LeRoi, "Everybody Hates Chris" maintains Rock's edgy, urban brand of comedy, but keeps the language and situations relatively clean for younger audiences — more like the family-friendly "Madagascar," than the brilliant, irreverent, but foul-mouthed, "The Chris Rock Show."

While the show is certainly appealing to 'twens and teens, parents in the thirty-something range are likely to get an added kick out of the series' clever use of 1980s pop music. For example, a scene in an early episode — in which cops escort the former principal of Corleone JHS out of the building after he committed an unnamed, but obvious offense — appropriately features the song, "Don't Stand So Close to Me," the Police tune about a teacher fighting his attraction to a student.

Another scene, in which young Chris takes on a white bully starts with the song "Eye of the Tiger" and then moves to that '80s anthem of racial harmony, "Ebony & Ivory," as Chris and his aggressor roll around on the pavement. In addition to offering adults a little nostalgia, the music enhances the 30-minute episodes, which are already well-written and expertly acted.

"Everybody Hates Chris" airs Thursday nights at 8 pm on UPN.

AUSTER...

Continued from page 1
Louise Crawford

"He speaks French, makes wonderful independent movies and lives in a brownstone in Brooklyn. He is said to be a very generous, good person and has stayed married to a famous writer (Siri Hustvedt) for years. He also has a dog. What more could you want in a sex symbol?"

But Auster has never put his Brooklyn — specifically, Park Slope — so front and center in a book (and on the cover, too. Yes, that's the corner of Seventh Avenue and Second Street on the book jacket).

The book's main character, retired insurance salesman Nathan Glass, often grabs a sandwich at La Bagel Delight, a Seventh Avenue joint famous for its overstuffed sandwiches and garrulous countermen.

As narrator Glass puts it, "One Sunday morning, I went into a crowded deli with the absurd name of La Bagel Delight. I was intending



This Park Slope bookstore may have inspired a primary setting in Paul Auster's new book "The Brooklyn Follies."

to ask for a cinnamon-raisin bagel, but the word caught in my mouth and came out as cinnamon-reagan.

"Without missing a beat, the

young guy behind the counter answered: 'Sorry, we don't have any of those. How about a pumpkin-oil instead?' Fast. So damned fast. I nearly wet my drawers."

From there, it's onto Auster's lunchtime haunt, remembered as "The Cosmic Diner," but clearly a stand-in for the diners that Auster (and any Brooklynite) remembers from the not-so-distant past.

"The food there was mediocre at best, but one of the waitresses was an adorable Puerto Rican girl named Marina, and I rapidly developed a crush on her. She was half my age and already married, which meant that romance was out of the question, but she was so splendid to look at that I literally pined for her on her days off."

Now, there, it's the New Purty get a waitress like that?

Glass rents his movies from "Movie Heaven" (fictional), yet gets his hair cut at Park Slope BarberShop (a real Seventh Avenue place) and eats a nice meal at Mike & Tony's steakhouse on Fifth Avenue (now closed and replaced by Moutarde).

BOOKS

"The Brooklyn Follies" (Henry Holt and Co., \$24) by Paul Auster is available at, or can be ordered through, these bookstores: The Bookmark Shoppe (6906 11th Ave. at 69th Street in Dyker Heights) (718) 480-3650; BookCourt (163 Court St. at Dean Street in Cobble Hill) (718) 875-3677 and Barnes & Noble (267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope) (718) 832-0666.

Despite its rich setting, "The Brooklyn Follies" is not a full novel at all, but more of a scrapbook. The plot, such as it is, follows Glass, a recent cancer survivor, as he returns to his native Park Slope "to die," as he puts it on page one.

Yet, he does not die.

In fact, he doesn't even succumb to the curmudgeonly impulses that caused his divorce, estrangement from his daughter and his complete lack of friends. The most fun of the "Follies" consist of watching Glass transform from "a cruel and selfish person" to his ultimate redemption, thanks to his new life among the

B.P.M.s, the bagel guys and bookstore owners with mysterious pasts.

He dives right into his new life in the borough as if he has gills.

He is not merely rejuvenated by moving to Park Slope, he is redeemed.

"The Brooklyn Follies" is by no means Auster's best novel. (A strong case could be made for "The Book of Illusions" or "Leviathan," but neither of them is about Park Slope, so why bother?) Characters, like Glass's beloved waitress or the B.P.M., come and go, and a main plot line involving a bookstore owner with a larcenous past, never seems to build to anything more than just an example of the folly of the title. And the less said about the last page — a September 11th ending that seems tacked on simply to jolt — the better.

But before that misstep, there's plenty to enjoy. If you live in Park Slope, you'll recognize the people, places and diner food. But if you don't, you might be tempted to move to this wondrous place that does more for the soul than a month at Lourdes.

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OUTDOORS AND TOURS
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WOOD CHIP GIVEAWAY: Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Green-Wood Cemetery host a Christmas tree recycling event. Bring your tree and take-away mulch. Borough President Markovitz will recycle Borough Hall's Christmas tree at 11 am. 11 am to 3 pm. Fifth Avenue at 25th Street. Call 311. Free.

PERFORMANCE

SHOW-OFF FEST: Galopago Arts Space presents a show of music, theater, dance, performance and visual art, all performed by staff members. 7 pm. 70 North Sixth St. (718) 384-6566, ext. 3. Free.

BARCEMUSIC: Classical music concert of Mozart, Kodaly and Brahms. \$35, \$25 students. 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-0283.

FIRST WEEKEND: Brooklyn Arts Exchange presents its new performance and discussion series. Choreographers Alicia Diaz and Marion Ramirez present "Mar Adentro." More \$15, \$10 members, \$8 low-income. 8 pm. 421 Fifth Ave. (718) 632-0018.

HAITIAN MUSIC: La Troupe Makandal presents "Carnival Dance." Its closing performance of "Rising Sun: A Vodou Drama of Death and Rebirth." \$15, \$10 students and seniors, \$5 children. 8 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. South Oxford Space, 138 South Oxford St. (718) 953-6438.

HEIGHTS PLAYERS: Presents Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness!" \$15, \$10 seniors, students and children. 8 pm. 26 Willow Place. (718) 237-2752.

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CHILDREN

BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: presents Chinese opera. \$4, free for members and children younger than 1 year. 2:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400.

PUPPETWORKS: "Puss in Boots." 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. See Sat., Jan. 7.

OTHER

ADOPTION: Singles who are considering adopting are invited to learn about the process. \$15. Noon to 1:30 pm. Congregation Beth Elcham, 274 Garfield Place. (212) 558-9947.

GALLERY TALK: Brooklyn Museum hosts a talk by curator Edward Burtynsky on the museum's collection of mosaics. \$8, \$4 students and seniors. Free for children age 12 and younger. 2 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000.

MOVIE: Union Temple of Brooklyn presents "Diva," followed by a discussion led by filmmaker. 3 pm. 17 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-7630. Free.

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TUES, JAN 10

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SENIOR MEETING: AARP of Bay Ridge meets. Shore Hill Housing, 3000 Shore Road. Call for time. (718) 765-9114.

DINNER MEETING: Columbian Lawyers Association is "How to Avoid a Contested Probate." 6 pm. Nino's Restaurant, 1110 Highway 106, Boulevard, Staten Island. Call for ticket information. (718) 875-0181.

BUSINESS WORKSHOP: Church Avenue Merchants Block Association offers a talk, "How to Start Your Business." Learn basics of business planning, licensing and permits. 4 pm to 6:30 pm. 424 Flatbush Ave. (718) 262-2500. Free.

DISCUSSION: Prospect Park YMCA hosts a reading and discussion of a book of essays, "Awakening from the Dream: Civil Rights Under Siege and the New Struggle for Equal Justice." Learn how federal courts work, or how to start your own. 7:30 pm. 357 Ninth St. (718) 499-0425. Free.

AUDITIONS: Brooklyn Philharmonic chorus holds auditions for its spring concert. Call. (718) 907-0963.

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OUR OPINION

Boss KOs DeBlasio

WE GOT PLAYED — but it looks like we did it to ourselves. Brooklyn had its best shot in years of nabbing the powerful job of Speaker of the Council this week, but the very able Councilmember Bill DeBlasio (D-Park Slope) eventually fell to colleague Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan).

Brooklyn has a plurality of seats on the Council, but Quinn built a coalition of members from Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx that drove her to victory.

She also had the support of Assemblymember Vito Lopez, who

recently replaced disgraced and convicted Clarence Norman as the head of the Brooklyn Democrats. Lopez muscled several Brooklyn councilmembers to back Quinn so Brooklyn could "have a seat at the table," as he put it.

But why not the seat at the head of the table?

Because, insiders said, Lopez was less concerned with helping DeBlasio than with keeping his hands on the more-hidden levers of power in the city.

"It's all about the committee chairs that his people will get,"

one Council insider told The Brooklyn Papers. Lopez, the insider continued, wants to control things like the Housing Committee, where most of the city's land-use decisions are made — and whose members benefit mightily from donations from developers.

A COUNCILMEMBER who backed DeBlasio was still fuming about his experience taking on Lopez.

He complained that when he called a colleague to lobby for DeBlasio, he was told, "Sorry, but Vito has my vote."

"I resent that Vito Lopez, an

assemblyman, can put together a block of votes just so he can give it like a gift," the councilmember told us.

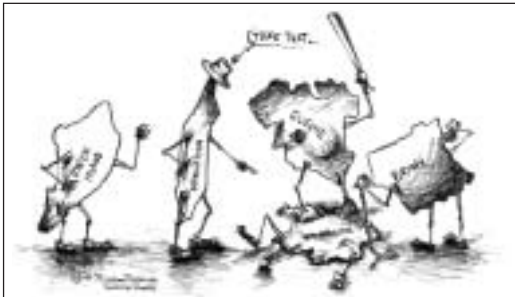
"They made a deal, so let's see what they get in return from Chris Quinn."

Lopez, by the way, didn't return our call.

We're not naive enough to think that the selection of a new City Council Speaker should be a transparent process rather than a behind-the-scenes, bare-knuckled political power grab.

But a paper can dream, can't it?

ALL DRAWN OUT



NEWS ITEM: Other boroughs gang up on Brooklyn in battle for Council's Speaker seat.

Cartoon: Fleming

KING OF KINGS BY VINCE DIMICELI

Hop on the DUMBO trolley!

NOW THAT CADMAN PLAZA EAST between Tillary Street and Red Cross Place has become a private, guarded parking lot for courthouse employees, it's time for area residents to get something back.

Each day, as I take my 15-minute stroll from the Court Street subway station down the hill to The Brooklyn Papers' offices in DUMBO, I get increasingly annoyed as I'm

forced to weave around the bumpers of cars pushed up onto the curbs to maximize parking spaces in this now-private run public street dividing Cadman Plaza and Walt Whitman parks.

I guess I should just be happy that the security guards, who sit in idling Ford Crown Victorias at either end of the lot, allow me to pass through — although I should wear

a gas mask to guard against the fumes spewing out so they can remain warm in the winter and cool in the summer (when they have to pop the hoods of the vehicles so the cars don't overheat).

Considering that the federal government absconded with the street without any public discourse (Was there ever a meeting? Did CB2 ever bring this up?) I think we deserve

something in exchange, something that would be a boon to the people of DUMBO, visitors from around the world and, most importantly, me.

What I'm proposing is a trolley that would run from Borough Hall down Cadman Plaza East, to Washington Street with a turnaround at the existing Brooklyn Bridge Park at John Street.

Along the way, the trolley could

make stops at the main Post Office and the exit (or entrance, depending on whether you're coming or going) to the currently degraded Brooklyn Bridge footpath.

Of course, it would not stop at the courthouse as, apparently, everyone who works there drives — hence the need for the private parking lot on the stolen street.

SUCH A TROLLEY would accomplish three things: First, it would give the good people of DUMBO easy access to Downtown Brooklyn's extensive network of subways. Second, it would give every

Brooklyn-fearing traveler from around the globe easy access aboard a historic train to our great Borough President's tourist information center at Borough Hall. (And finally, it would cut a good 20 minutes off my daily commute.)

The trolley could be funded with federal money — as reimbursement for the seizure of our street — and could cost a buck a ride, or \$2 with a free transfer to or from any nearby subway when using a Metrolink.

I discussed this proposal with Borough President Markowitz a few months ago, and he told me he was

working on bringing back trolleys throughout the Downtown area, possibly connecting to Red Hook. The only problem, he said, was funding.

While that's all well and good, methinks Marty is doing things on too grand a scale. My 4,000-foot trolley line would require less money and, hence, less politics, and would provide a simple goal.

And we could finally get something in return for those two idling Crown Vics we have to walk past every morning.

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TO THE EDITOR

Point and counterpoint on Ratner's 'Domain'

Ratner is creating his own 'blight'

To the editor:

Bruce Ratner is so desperate for some activity at his Atlantic Yards project that he decided to take blight into his own hands. Because his project is under review of the State Environmental Quality Review Process (SEQRA), he does not have full control over his properties. New York State law requires that once a review is under way, the site must remain in the same condition throughout the review.

So what's an eager developer to do? He

manipulates blight! In this case, he is

claiming hazardous building conditions. Buildings that were recently occupied are now suddenly unsafe. Anyone involved with rehabilitating old buildings knows that a property does not go from fully habitable to unsafe in less than a year. Is it possible that these buildings received human assistance in an effort to accelerate decay under Ratner's ownership?

I believe that Ratner is trying to convince local residents and businesses into

thinking that the project has begun and they should get out of his way. He also must convince his impatient investors that there is activity at the Yards, so they should sit tight with their investment.

The result could be that an intact neighborhood will have holes punched into it. With enough empty lots, Ratner hopes to create enough "blight" to justify eminent domain condemnations. This is nothing more than old fashion blockbusting.

Lucy Koten, Fort Greene

Ratner is protection the community

To the editor:

According to LZA Technologies, one of the most well-respected independent professional engineering firms in the country, the six structures slated for abatement and demolition (referred to in the letter at left) pose a serious health and public safety risk to the surrounding community.

In most of these buildings, the roofs, ceilings and walls have partially collapsed. The remaining standing structures continue to deteriorate at an accelerated rate.

These buildings are under our control and as such are our responsibility. Should a fire break out, a brick fall or a wall collapse onto the street, then we would be at fault.

Risking the community to these potential hazards is quite simply not something Forest City Ratner would ever do and it is not something any thoughtful and knowledgeable person should condone.

So let's be clear, the demolition of these buildings is not about the proposed Atlantic

Yards project. It is about public safety.

If opponents want to have a discussion about their concerns with the project, then we are more than happy to continue our discussions. However, when it comes to the safety of this community, we refuse to get into a political debate. Bruce Bender

The writer is executive vice-president of Forest City Ratner, which has proposed an arena, residential and commercial development stretching eastward from the intersection of Atlantic and Flatbush avenues.

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In B'klyn, bowling strikes out

NO ONE is likely to call the Mark Lanes in Bay Ridge "paradise." It's a bit cramped, the lighting gives everyone a sullen, Steve Buscemi eyes and the woman behind the counter looks over newcomers like B-I-A-L security guards.

But when I heard that the large, department store next door wants to tear down the alley to build a garage for its shoppers, I couldn't help but pull out an old Joni Mitchell LP (yes, I own a Joni Mitchell album). I was young and idealistic and trying to be sensitive so girls would like me.

"Don't it always seem to go/That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?/They paved paradise to put up a parking lot."

Convinced that there were thousands of bowling fans out there with the same cliché running through their heads, I headed to 88th Street to do a story about people so committed to saving Mark Lanes from demolition that they laid their bodies in front of the bulldozers to protect their beloved alley.

This is not that story. Fact is, when I got to Mark Lanes, I could find no evidence that anyone was even upset about Century 21's plans for a four-story, metal-covered lot. A family bowling next to me hadn't heard and didn't really take

"I like bowling, but the community would be very favorable to having a new parking lot," said Steve Harrison, chairman of the Community Board 10 zoning and land-use

committee. "They're talking about 280 spaces. I say wow. That's a real win for Bay Ridge."

WOULD he be saying that if Century 21 wanted to pave over a baseball diamond? Of course not. But that just shows how the mighty—in this case, bowling—have fallen. You youngsters may not even know it, but for a brief, shining moment in the 1960s, bowling was more popular than Jesus.

At its peak in 1962, there were 11,476 bowling alleys



Mark Lanes in Bay Ridge may be closing its doors. The site is slated to become a parking lot for Century 21.

nationwide with 163,323 lanes of fun. Today, there are only 5,811 alleys with 119,815 lanes.

Brooklyn has just 157 of those lanes—and even fewer if the Maple Lanes in Dyker Heights also closes, which has been widely anticipated.

Frankly, the fourth-largest city in America is simply a national bowling disgrace.

"That's shockingly few lanes," said Bob Johnson, the international editor of the highly respected magazine, *Bowlers Journal International*.

And it's only going to get worse. "We've found that when a bowling alley closes, some league bowlers go somewhere else, but 50 percent of the customers just stop bowling," Johnson said. But isn't bowling supposed to be there, an ever-present element in our lives, like network anchormen or a good steak, something immune to the vagaries of fads, trends and fashion (well, certainly fashion, if Earl Anthony's wardrobe is any barometer)?

But that was when bowling was the King of Sports. Now, there are so many ways for people to spend their recreation dollar. Whether they're playing Grand Theft Auto, watching Emeril add salt and say "Bam!" on the Food Channel while TIVO-ing the "Trading Spaces" marathon, or downloading porn, people are just too busy to bowl.

Will bowling make a comeback? Do pigeons eat garbage?

"Bowling has proven to be very cyclical," Johnson said. "At the Journal, we think bowling is about to enter an upswing, thanks to innovations like bowling lounges, which are basically bars with bowling."

To paraphrase Homer Simpson, "Mmmm, bars with bowling."

New Year's Babies Parade

It's a time-honored newspaper tradition—to photograph the first baby born in the new year. But we at The Brooklyn Papers wanted to go a bit further, letting the four "New Year's Babies" in our coverage area fight it out for our readers' affections. Here's how this year's crop shapes up.

The Brooklyn Papers / Steven Levine		The Brooklyn Papers / J. Lee Rosenberg		The Brooklyn Papers / Steven Levine	
Vanessa Nicole Vinazaca	Unnamed girl	BABY	Unnamed boy	Unnamed girl	Unnamed girl
3:46 am	5:31 am*	TIME OF BIRTH	12:29 am	3:29 am	3:29 am
Lutheran Medical Center, Sunset Park	New York Methodist Hospital, Park Slope	HOSPITAL	Long Island College Hospital, Cobble Hill	Maimonides Medical Center, Borough Park	Maimonides Medical Center, Borough Park
5 pounds, 13 ounces	7 pounds, 10 ounces	WEIGHT	8 pounds, 8 ounces	6 pounds, 10 ounces	6 pounds, 10 ounces
Hilda Liguichuzka	Tomas Howard	MOM	Hindy Krausz	Name not given	Name not given
Happy, despite sedation	Extremely subdued	MOM'S HOSPITAL Demeanor	Bubbly and surprisingly well-rested	Mother chose not to be photographed. Father was proud and happy, though.	Mother chose not to be photographed. Father was proud and happy, though.
Very memorable name	The girl is Howard's first daughter after three sons.	INTANGIBLES	The boy, who will not be named until after his birth, is Krausz's first.	This is the third daughter for the Snour family.	This is the third daughter for the Snour family.
* Not the first baby born this year at Methodist. Actual parents of the "New Year's baby" did not consent to be photographed.					

BROOKLYN BRIEFS

Keep your 'park' thoughts brief

The Brooklyn Papers

Want to put in one last word on the Brooklyn Bridge Park? Make sure to speak quickly or write in simple sentences because the development's planners won't have much time for close reading.

The state agency overseeing the proposed \$150-million commercial, recreational and residential development has given itself just over 12 hours between the close of the "public comment period" on Jan. 17 at 5 pm and a scheduled vote to approve the plan's environmental impact statement.

The plan for a two-mile waterfront development remains controversial because it includes luxury condos, a hotel, restaurants and shops that would subsidize park area.

Yet despite the controversy, two weeks into the public comment period, the Empire State Development Corporation has received a whopping zero comments. The empty mailbags surprise those who remember the public comment period for the draft EIS this fall. The ESDC received

everything from alternative plans to emotional handwritten critiques of a proposed 30-story apartment building to a professional study done by a Manhattan environmental engineering firm.

That comment period led to a revised plan that offers alternative schemes for the 430-unit apartment building at the development's Atlantic Avenue entrance.

Critics of the plan view the current public comment period and vote the next workday as a final nail in the coffin.

"You could call it a 'public comment fraud,'" said Roy Sloane of the Cobble Hill Association. "They've already read all our criticisms and responded with all the superficial changes they could."

The ESDC expects that letters will trail in before the close of the period, but declined to comment on how those letters could influence a process that will end the next day.

"We will insure that all comments are taken into consideration before the vote," said Deborah Wetzel. —Ariella Cohen

Mulching with the mayor

The Brooklyn Papers

So what if the City Council didn't pick Brooklyn in the race for Speaker (see article below)—the mayor picked the borough of dead Christmas trees to kick off Mulchfest 2006.

This week, Mayor Bloomberg came to Prospect Park for the ceremonial start of the 10th annual tree grinding season.

And the fir was flying.

Bloomberg urged New Yorkers to drop off their trees at mulching sites throughout the five boroughs on Saturday, Jan. 7, and Sunday, Jan. 8. Readers of The Brooklyn Papers have these options:

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—Gersh Kuntzman



Mayor Bloomberg mulches in Prospect Park.

For Speaker, Quinn's in, DeBlasio's out

The Brooklyn Papers

City Councilmember Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan) was elected this week as Speaker, the second-most-powerful job in city government.

The election of Quinn, the first woman and first openly gay person to head the City Council, had been assured over the weekend when her six challengers dropped out after she had secured enough votes to win. Councilmember Bill DeBlasio (D-Park Slope) had

once been seen as a front-runner, but gave up the campaign after Brooklyn Democratic leader Vito Lopez threw his support—and the handful of Councilmembers he controls—to Quinn.

Wednesday's election was unanimous, 50-0, with Councilman Charles Barron (D-Flatbush) protesting the backroom dealing that undermined the Speaker-selection process.

Term limits forced out her predecessor, Gifford Miller. —Kuntzman

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